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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2003, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application. Also enclosed herein is a *Petition* with fee to extend the time for response one (1) month, up to and including <u>September 20, 2003</u>.